

WHEN THINGS END SOMETIMES
THEY GO BACK TO THE BEGINNING

I wonder if Johnny &
Lois will get back together
now that his
second marriage is
all fucked-up.

I wonder if John will want
his girl back again
the one he fell in love
with when he was
17.

I remember her
photo glued to the dash
of his GTO. I remember
him on her heels
like a guard dog through
the high school halls
ensuring no other guy
would touch her or
even look at her.
I remember talking
him down after
her inspection
at the gynecologist's
he's a doctor, John,
for Christ's sake, a doctor,
he's just doing his job.

OPINIONLESS

Bill. a plastics engineer in his 30s.
(skin pasty-textured. suits threadbare.)
is opinionless:

likes every kind of music
eats anything
likes no particular color or
season or type of car or TV show
fencing or football's all
the same to him
can go to church or not
see a movie or skip it
his favorite expression is:

"whatever you want"

so when he told me
his wife was pregnant.
I wondered how the hell he managed that.